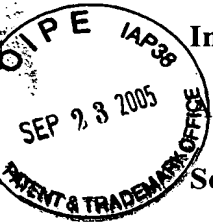


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THE SAME

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

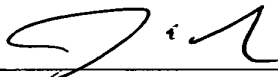
	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	20	20	= 0	x \$ 50.00	\$
Indep. Claims	4	3	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 200.00

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 9/23/05


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification
and claims 1, 3, and 7 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 11-20 are
added. Claims 1, 7, 11, and 17 are independent.